



◇DOROTHY'S DEPARTMENT◇

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE.—NO. 11

ED. AGITATOR: The Democratic state convention to be held in Topeka (making the trio) will demand the most attention, as it will be the most unique of the three, as it stands for the election of its ancient enemy, the Republican party. Hopelessly in the minority in the state; handicapped by a national administration the unpopularity of which has never been equaled in the history of the country, an endorsement of which would consign the remnant of the party in the state to political oblivion, it is no wonder even the metropolitan press of the country is speculating on the outcome of the Demo-Republican convention to come off at Topeka. It is insinuated very largely under heavy display lines that the Democracy of Kansas had made a "dicker" with the Republican Banker Morrill ring, and that the Republican convention carried out their part of the contract when they ignored woman suffrage, and inserted not one line for prohibition in their platform. This was demanded of them by the Demo-Reps., and the Republicans carried it out to the letter. Now it is expected that the Demo-Reps. in convention will set down hard on female suffrage and prohibition, endorsing the maladministration of Cleveland and relegate the currency-making of this country to Wall street and New England, through their adjunct, Grover I and last. Still, in the face of all this, there is one metropolitan journal in Chicago—the Times—that keeps an able correspondent at Topeka, who is watching every move of these Republican-

annex Democrats and reporting to the Times. I get it daily, and am very much interested in the outcome. This correspondent says the Republicans, in their convention, after going back on the principle of prohibition, which they claim to have nurtured into the constitution of Kansas, nominated a SUPPOSED prohibitionist on their ticket, and on this expect the prohibition vote of the state, solid. They ignored woman suffrage, says the correspondent, as a bait to catch Democratic votes, and ignored prohibition to hold the 20,000 whisky Republicans in the state level.

This is about the phase of the case as viewed from abroad. At home, in Kansas, the people will catch on quick enough.

There was a time in the history of Kansas when the rank and file of the Republican party would have voted solid for a brass monkey had it been the nominee of their convention, but that day has "gone glimmering—a schoolboy's tale, the wonder of an hour." It is sad to reflect on the miserable condition of this country, brought about by just such subserviency to party bosses and party spirit; to the unthinking, party-ridden people who never for a moment consider that each one of them is an integral atom of this government, and individually responsible to the people—ALL the people—of this government, as they are individually responsible to God for their sins.

Washington, in his Farewell Address to the American people, warned them against party spirit as one of the elements to be most feared, and most reprobated, as

tending to the dissolution of this republic. We are as near lea shore in this republic to-day as we ever have been in our 117-year run. There is but one pilot that can keep the ship of state from foundering, and that is to cast out the Jonahs—the Republican and Democratic parties—and let the Independent People pilot our ship of state. It is not too late, yet there is no time to spare. The next house of representatives must be packed with a two-thirds majority against Cleveland and his administration, and this cannot be done through the old parties. Judas-like, they would deceive the very elect, but their day of probation has passed. The "ides of March" has come to them as it did to Julius Caesar.

The People's party embodies the Democracy of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson, and the Republicanism of Abraham Lincoln, in its platform, and, for that matter, the fundamental principles on which this model republic was reared. The good and excellent of both old parties are retained and many things added that become a positive necessity, to-day, to prevent a war of extermination between Capital and Labor. Thanks to the exigencies of the times, the brazen impudence of corporations, trusts and money sharks on the one hand, and the deep-dyed poverty and misery of the laboring classes on the other, the people have been compelled to think, and now, in the fall, they propose to act. The American Railway Union, the largest body of laboring men in this country, 200,000 strong and growing at the rate of 1,000 a day, in open convention in Chicago, last week, under instructions from every assembly in the country, endorsed the People's party platform as a whole, and pledged their order to vote that ticket. The Knights of Labor, which joined the union, also joined in, and every labor society or association in America will vote the People's ticket next fall. Look out for breakers! The old parties are on the reef.

But, I will get to the woman-suffrage part of this letter next week. I want to see them marshalled as American citizens, to usher in the new millenium.

Yours, etc.,

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[The above letter was mislaid

last week, but, although a portion of it is a little stale, the letter contains many good things, and we thought it best to publish it.—ED.]

S. S. HUNTER, of Lexington, N. C., writes: "We want to have a change. Why not start a boom on Senator Stewart and Tom Watson for president and vice-president? They would make a team that would clean up the pot."

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